

# Writing Language Development Objectives: A Mainstream Teacher's Quick Reference Guide

*Students will be able + academic language function + content topic + language feature*

## **What's your content topic?**

1. First, carefully consider the content topic.

## **What do you want students to do?**

2. Think about and sketch out what you want the end result to be for students. How will you assess this end result? What kind of academic language function are you expecting (justify, discuss, persuade, summarize, tell, predict, etc) students to use?

## **What specific language feature is necessary to do this?**

3. Now, with a language lens, look at this end result & assessment, and ask yourself, what specific language skills do my students need in order to be successful?

## Examples

<b>Content Topic</b>	<b>Language Function</b>	<b>Language Feature</b>	<b>Language Development Objective</b>
Setting of a story	Describe	Adverbials	Students will be able to <u>describe the setting of a story</u> using <u>adverbs of place and time</u> .
Main Characters in a story	Define	Subject of a sentence	Students will be able to <u>define the main characters</u> in a story by identifying the <u>subjects of a sentence</u> .
Main idea	Explain	Theme/ rheme	Students will be able to <u>explain the main idea of a paragraph</u> by identifying the <u>old and new information (theme/rheme)</u> in the paragraph.

